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# UPDATE

Dearest Friends,  
God's love, patience and longsuffering for mankind is amazing. If you bring up God's love to the unbeliever, they immediately say, "that is not the God of the Old Testament." They will cite the flood of Noah – Noah preached to the people for around 120 years while building the ark. Gen 6:5 states that the wickedness of man was great and his thoughts continuously wicked. They had opportunity to repent. Sodom is another example where God would have withheld His judgement on Sodom if He had found 10 righteous souls..... Those He found He removed from the city.

Egypt – God waited 400 years before He unleashed the plagues and ended it with the death of every eldest son. I think that is very patient and longsuffering and those Egyptian homes that did as the Israelites did were saved.

The nations of the Old Testament were not innocent and were destroyed for their gross moral wickedness. Most were, according to History, devoted to incest, bestiality, rape and the burning of their children as a sacrifice. Baal had sex with his mother, his sister and his daughter. The Canaanite religion was a fertility religion where sex was practiced in the temples with prostitutes, transvestites and pederasts and Molech was a Canaanite god to whom children were

sacrificed by fire – birth to 4 years.

The Hittites had laws which put you to death for intercourse with a pig or dog but there was no punishment if it was with a horse or mule.

Men are quick to call for justice when they are offended but condemn God for implementing justice against such who break His laws and which demean human society. They say why did God command that all be killed even women and children and animals? Cultural law demanded that if one family member remained, they had to make retribution for the death of their family members causing absolutely no peace in the land. A practice followed by the Mafia even today. Those children were already trained in religious study and would have continued with their wicked practices and God wanted to purify.

When Jonah went to Nineveh they repented, and God turned away His wrath. Rahab of Jericho and her whole family were saved because of HER faith.

Those who criticize God for killing children of unrighteous parents in the Old Testament are often the very people who support abortion. We decry the man who killed children in the Oklahoma bombing while condoning prochoice which has mass murdered babies in their millions.

We ask if God is "fair." If God was fair, not one of us would ever see His perfect heaven. We will, ONLY by His mercy, grace and favor. He is a righteous God and it is time we stopped trying to bring Him down to our level of thinking.

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"He shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meant for the master's use and prepared for every good work."

## REPORT FROM PASTOR PETER



Pastors Peter and Shadrek at Nthondo Village with some of the elderly.

I greet you in the precious name of our lord Jesus and pray that this finds you well. The Lord has been good to us and keeps taking us from Glory to Glory. There's barely a month left before we commemorate our five-year anniversary at Tengani. If anyone said that I would be serving the Lord as a full-time pastor at Tengani, five years ago, I would say they were kidding.

The Lord surely has a purpose for all who chose to go after their passion and He takes and positions you in your right place in order to realize your purpose and fulfill his will. We will like to celebrate five years of operations in Tengani with my home church, our community and you our dearly beloved who have made this service wonderful with your support and prayers.

We set out this year with a BSJ (Bring a Soul to Jesus) campaign and our target was to win over at least 30 families. I remember sharing the plan with Francis and he said, "You better pray brother", because he is aware of the resistance you get at Tengani, but nothing is impossible with the Lord. As we will soon be commemorating this major five-year milestone, I am grateful and humbled to the Lord that the BSJ campaign has yielded in 120 new faces coming into the kingdom of God. I am overjoyed by the work that the Lord is doing through His people and I can only pray that He shows the same grace to all in the Body of Christ.

I thank the Lord for Eric and Shadreck who make my job in overseeing the welfare of the old people easier. They have become so efficient in their work and they do it out of love. Love is everything that we will ever want in this world. We can have everything in this world but if it is all void of love, I believe life is meaningless. We all need to feel loved and we know that it is not easy loving someone you do not know or have no ties with. Someone once said to me that the underprivileged may sometimes seem to be some of the most unlovely people you have ever known. Sometimes people help them out of pity and not because they are so moved from within. I can tell you that it is difficult to love the elderly in Malawi. I am a Sena, so I know that we are a difficult tribe. We argue, we fight, it takes time for us to understand simple things, and we can be very impatient. You can never deal with us if you have no love in your heart. I am just glad that the Alabaster family above all things emphasizes more on the Love that Christ bore for us in perpetuity.

I pray that the Lord shines His lovingkindness and light on you and bless you together with your families as we enter a period of Thanksgiving and Christmas. I am looking forward to hosting you at our five-year anniversary in December.

Pastor Eric with the elderly at Marka on the Mozambique border.



## ABOUT US

### We, Alabaster Ministries

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In Malawi we have Oresti and Julie Yiannakis who are a wonderful support and without whom it would be extremely difficult for us to operate.

Our staff comprise of local Malawians, and volunteer staff in the USA and UK.

It is our belief that we should train the locals to one day be able to totally run every aspect of the ministry in their nation and to train the next generation to one day take over while we support and give advice where needed.

God has blessed us with an amazing team of people who are always ready and willing no matter what comes against us. God is in charge and is faithful when we are about His business.

This is an exciting ministry to be a part of and we so appreciate your support.

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Well drillers arriving at Tengani



They hit water at 45' and it is giving 9,000 liters per hour.



This is always a wonderful place for the message of salvation as you have a captive audience

## REPORT FROM PASTOR FRANCIS

Please receive warm greetings from Malawi, it is our prayer that you are all well as we are approaching yet another festive season. This is such a wonderful and opportune time to reconnect with family and friends from faraway places and others whom we have lost touch with. 2019 has been such a blast for some of us and others have had so many challenges and perhaps suffered loss that only the Grace of Grace and His Holy Spirit can comfort and heal our hearts. This is the time to look back at all the precious moments of the year, recollect our thoughts on things we did not do so well on and begin to make fresh plans for the year coming. Take a moment to truly forgive and forget before entering the festive season when we begin to speak, teach, spread, and show love to all around us in commemoration to the love the Lord showed us in giving us the precious life we so dearly love.

The Lord rewards our patience with goodness and mercy and sometimes He loves to do it when we least expect Him to shower us with His blessings or present us with the opportunities we have been longing for. You would agree with me that one of the most precious natural resources in the world is clean water. We are lucky to have big reserves of fresh water in the country but unfortunately it is not made readily available for everyone. Almost all rural Malawi must rely on boreholes for water needless to mention that a vast area in the lower Shire has salty water which makes fresh water as precious as a goldmine. We had been trying to drill a borehole at Tengani for well over a year but had trouble with contractors and it has been such a struggle to get people to come to Nsanje and do boreholes for us. Finally, last month we completed the second Borehole at Tengani which is bringing so much water and for an area that is known for salty water we have struck good, sweet water. It has been such a joy for the community and the local chiefs are grateful to the Alabaster family for this provision. Our country Director, Mr. Oresti Yiannakis said to me "I hope it is like that well at Samaria where so many came to know Jesus," and that's exactly what has happened. Often people say doing social work isn't part of ministry, but I think it depends on what exactly is being achieved. Because of one borehole, there is a great opportunity to present the gospel to so many thirsty souls. One act of kindness is a powerful testimony of the Love of Jesus. It just goes to show that our character as people can send a bad message or make a lifelong, positive impact on someone's life. I am now in awe of what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 that the only gospel people will ever come to see and know is in us, for our lives and character need to show that light which came down from heaven and filled us. We praise the Lord for His wonderful provisions and we ask Him to graciously bless and safeguard His wonderful saints who continue to make a real difference in the hearts of men today.

**Ed Note: This well is for the villagers. They have been using the well on our property for 8 years along with cattle and goats. They have damaged our fence by climbing through instead of walking around. We could not stop them from using it, so we have drilled this for them. A wonderful way to show the love of God and win them to Christ. Both wells are sweet water – a miracle for this area.**

## REPORT FROM PASTOR MARTHA

We started out the women's conference as a way of empowering women to take up their place in society and begin to defy all barriers that overlooked the role of women in society as well as in the Church. Our society is made to look down on women in pretty much all factions including government institutions. The very fact that the Norwegian government began funding the 50/50 campaign to promote equal representation based on ability or capacity and not gender, is enough evidence to point out the social injustice that is there. Nevertheless, the goal is not only that we are empowered to develop a higher self-esteem but that through these conferences we are able to edify the soul through sharing and teaching the word of God.

We have just returned from the last women's meeting of the year where we have an intensive 3 days of prayer and learning. Pastor Francis taught on women and leadership which is one of the most controversial issues in our communities. I have heard so many lectures on this and not much has been in the favor of women with respect to the customs and cultures of our rural establishments. This is an important issue that affects pretty much everyone in the church as well as our societies in general but we had a different opinion by the end of the Leadership teaching which covered both extremes and established the roles that both genders have to play in the church.

I am encouraged by 1 Corinthians 11:3 which clearly establishes that Love is the common denominator in Leadership. *"Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of every woman is a man, and the head of Christ is God."* This scripture just helped me understand that both men and women have a role to play in society and if we operate in Love, following the order that Christ demonstrates, we should be able to accommodate as well as propel one another to be the best versions that we can be. Some might say the word in Corinthians only establishes male dominance but that would be doing the living reality of the wisdom of God so much injustice.

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## REPORT FROM MARTHA cont.

There's no denying the obvious differences that do exist between individuals, but it is also imperative to acknowledge that our gifts and abilities are vast and unique and therefore we ought to recognize and utilize not exploit them. We were encouraged by exemplary women who took up influential roles in the Bible; from Miriam after the children of God crossed the red sea to the woman at the well in Samaria who in my opinion became the one of the first evangelists in the Body of Christ. On behalf of all the empowered women I am wishing you a wonderful festive season. May the Almighty God shower you with His love and blessings, AMEN.

Martha teaching at the women's conference.

